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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA; PRESIDENT KHAMA'S OBSERVATIONS

1. PRESIDENT KHAMA GAVE RECEPTION APRIL 17 FOR VISITING OAU
"COMMITTEE OF TEN" WHICH PROVIDED OCCASION FOR ME TO TALK
WITH HIM ABOUT RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

2. RHODESIA. KHAMA SAID EXTAFFMIN MOGWE HAD BRIEFED HIM
ON DAR METTING WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT APRIL 14-15. MOGWE
DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS "DISMAL" AS PF LEADERS HAD TAKEN
ONE "UNREASONABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE" STAND AFTER ANOTHER,
CONTRARY TO UNDERSTANDINGS ARRIVED AT AT MARCH 25-26
FRONTLINE MEETING AT DAR. "WE WERE MISLED BY THEM",
KHAMA AFFIRMED WITH AN AIR OF SOME BITTERNESS. HE
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COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY PF FAILED TO RECOGNIZE THAT
WITH PASSING OF TIME THE SALISBURY GROUP WILL ACQUIRE
CREDIBILITY AND WORLD OPINION WILL BEGIN TO SAY "GIVE
THEM A CHANCE"; MEANWHILE THE FIGHTING CONTINUES AT
GREAT COST TO PEOPEL IN THE AREA. "AND ALL THIS IN
THE NAME OF PERSONAL AMBITION AND AT EXPENSE OF THE
PEOPLE", KHAMA ADDED. HE THEN ASKED ABOUT THE RESULTS

OF OWEN/VANCE TALKS IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY;
I SAID WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPORTS.

3. NAMIBIA: KHAMA SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT THINGS
ARE MORE HOPEFUL REGARDING NAMIBIA. REACTIONS FROM
SAG SIDE LACKED SOME OF THE EARLIER INTRANSIGENCE.
HE HOPED THIS WAS NOT DECEPTIVE. I CAUTIONED THAT
SWAPO SEEMED TO BE RAISING OLD ISSUES AND WAS UNHAPPY WITH
PROCEDURAL MOVES. KHAMA SAID HE COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT
PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS WOULD PREVENT FORWARD MOVEMENT
ON SUBSTANCE.
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